Listing of Claims

- 1. (Currently Amended) A transgenic plant comprising a plant transformation vector comprising a nucleotide sequence that encodes or is complementary to a sequence that encodes an aconitase polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, or an ortholog thereof, wherein the transgenic plant over-expresses the aconitase polypeptide or the ortholog relative to a non-transgenic control plant, and whereby the transgenic plant has a high oil phenotype relative to the control plantsplant.
- 2. (Original) The transgenic plant of Claim 1, which is selected from the group consisting of rapeseed, soy, corn, sunflower, cotton, cocoa, safflower, oil palm, coconut palm, flax, castor and peanut.
- 3. (Original) A plant part obtained from the plant according to Claim 1.
- 4. (Original) The plant part of Claim 3, which is a seed.
- 5. (Original) A method of producing oil comprising growing the transgenic plant of Claim1 and recovering oil from said plant.
- 6. (Currently Amended) A method of producing a high oil phenotype in a plant, said method comprising:
- a) introducing into progenitor cells of the plant a plant transformation vector comprising a nucleotide sequence that encodes or is complementary to a sequence that encodes an aconitase polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, or an ortholog thereof, and
- b) growing the transformed progenitor cells to produce a transgenic plant, wherein said polynucleotide sequence is <u>over-expressed relative to a non-transgenic control plant</u>, and said transgenic plant exhibits an <u>altereda high</u> oil content phenotype relative to <u>the control plantsplant</u>.
- 7. (Original) A plant obtained by a method of Claim 6.

- 8. (Original) The plant of Claim 7, which is selected from the group consisting of rapeseed, soy, corn, sunflower, cotton, cocoa, safflower, oil palm, coconut palm, flax, castor and peanut.
- 9-11. (Canceled)